

## Morse Calls Refugees

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### Real Enemies to U.S.

Already it is not the Communists who are our enemies, but the anti-Castro and anti-Communist refugees. Senator Wayne Morse tells them off in a brisk speech urging them to remember that it is not for them to make American foreign policy and that they "are not in the United States with any rights, legally or morally, to use the territory of the United States for activities aimed at implicating American foreign policy in situations that might well lead to war"—or, more plausibly, to a Soviet retreat from this hemisphere, which we are supposed to want.

Besides the refugee nuisance, there is the Goldwater-Keating nuisance which, according to 1984 logic, is tossing away the great "victory" of the missile withdrawal. It takes a bit of doing to figure this one, but Philip L. Graham, publisher of the Washington *Post* et al rose to the task. It seems that "by refusing to bring Castro down by the brute force of Yankee arms, Mr. Kennedy has restored faith in the maturity and sense of partnership with South America now infusing US policy." This victory, according to Mr. Graham, is "being recklessly squandered by the partisan brawling over Cuba.

In building his argument, Mr. Graham comes out with the most remarkable 1984-ism I have encountered yet. Castro, it appears, "occupies the place of Syngman Rhee or Diem—an unpopular leader propped by massive support of a major power . . . The responsibility for the final downfall of Castro lies with the people of Cuba." They, with tactics "imitative of Mao Tse-tung and Ho Chi Minh" are "poised to fight the only kind of 'war of liberation' that the free world can countenance."

It sounds like a war of liberation that is unlikely to liberate anybody—especially since we are determined to clap into jail any Cubans who might like to enlist in it!

The trouble is that, when you are living in the Orwellian Age, men who



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attempt to suggest that there is something screwy about it run the risk of being brushed aside as nuts. In the Kingdom of the Blind, the man with 20/20 vision is under a serious handicap. Thus I confess I haven't observed any serious dissent from the view that it is "irresponsible" to take the Soviet occupation seriously. Few complain of the effort to associate them with some mythical war mongers who demand immediate invasion of Cuba.

## Inaction on Cuba Called 'Understanding'

Mr. Graham insists that the real Cuban revolution must not be given "the sort of support that would make them American satellites," because the revolution is one "which will never be understood by CIA officers who ask for promises about the future rate of the King Ranch or other US investments in Cuba." A pre-1984 mind would entertain the possibility that the restoration of freedom to Cuba might not be inconsistent with a responsible attitude toward US property there, and in any case that such matters can be settled later, when the Communist base at our doorstep has been phased out. But I suppose that is negative thinking.

*All in all, I enjoyed 1984 more when it was fiction!*